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In re application of: Thomas C. Evans, Ming--qun Xu

Application No.: 09/249,543

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Examiner: Moore, William

For: Intein-Mediated Protein Ligation of Expressed Proteins

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37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.116) for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

Fee: \$475.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit Fee
Total	26	Minus	49	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0
Indep	7	Minus	7	= 0	x \$43 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$145 =	\$0
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No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE PAYMENT


5. Attached is a check in the amount of \$640.00, covering the \$475 extension fee and the fee of \$165 for the notice of appeal.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 14-0740.
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